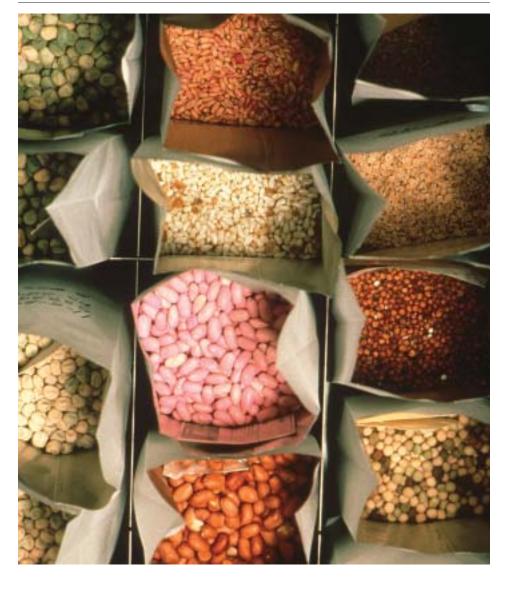
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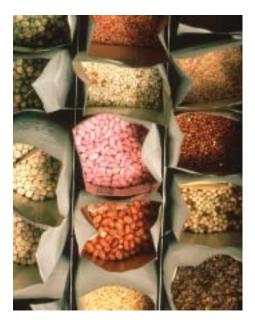
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The tiny Davis' green pitaya (Echinocereus vividflorus var. davisii), an extremely rare cactus, is one of the species being researched at the Desert Botanical Garden.

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